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SUBJECT:MIA RESOLUTION APPROVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY 8 VOTED 369-0 TO APPROVE
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 583, SPONSORED BY REPRESENTA-
TIVES LESTER WOLFF, BEN GILMAN, AND MANY OTHERS, WHICH
STATES THAT "LEARNING THE FATE OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND
CIVILIANS LISTED AS MISSING REMAINS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE
TO THE U.S." AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE
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SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD "REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE UN TO WORK THROUGH EXISTING UN AGENCIES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF SECURING A FULL ACCOUNTING OF AMERICANS LISTED
AS MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA."

2. SIMILAR RESOLUTION IS PENDING IN SENATE FOREIGN RELA-
TIONS COMMITTEE.

3. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION. BEGIN TEXT.

WHEREAS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED AMERICANS REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA SINCE THE CESSATION OF THE VIETNAM CONFLICT; AND

WHEREAS LEARNING THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND CIVILIANS LISTED AS MISSING REMAINS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES, AND IS CONSIDERED AS SUCH DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM; AND

WHEREAS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADOPTED RESOLUTION 3220 (XXIX) CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN ACCOUNTING FOR PERSONS WHO ARE MISSING OR DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS; AND

WHEREAS SUCH RESOLUTION RECOGNIZED "THAT ONE OF THE TRAGIC RESULTS OF ARMED CONFLICTS IS THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON PERSONS -- CIVILIANS AS WELL AS COMBATANTS -- WHO ARE MISSING OR DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS"; AND

WHEREAS SUCH RESOLUTION FURTHER STATES THAT "THE DESIRE TO KNOW THE FATE OF LOVED ONES LOST IN ARMED CONFLICTS IS A BASIC HUMAN NEED WHICH SHOULD BE SATISFIED TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND THAT PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON THOSE WHO ARE MISSING OR WHO HAVE DIED IN ARMED CONFLICTS SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED MERELY BECAUSE OTHER ISSUES REMAIN PENDING"; AND

WHEREAS THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, DESPITE ASSURANCES THAT IT IS CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH FOR AMERICANS LISTED AS MISSING AND FOR INFORMATION THAT MIGHT INDICATE THEIR FATE, HAS PROVIDED BUT MEAGER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FATE OF THESE MISSING AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS PRESENT EFFORTS TO SECURE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THESE AMERICANS LISTED AS MISSING ARE NOT PRODUCTIVE AND ARE ILL-SERVED BY EXISTING PROCEDURES AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE SENATE CONCURRING), THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD INSTRUCT THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO WORK THROUGH EXISTING UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING A FULL ACCOUNTING OF AMERICANS LISTED AS

MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. END TEXT.

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